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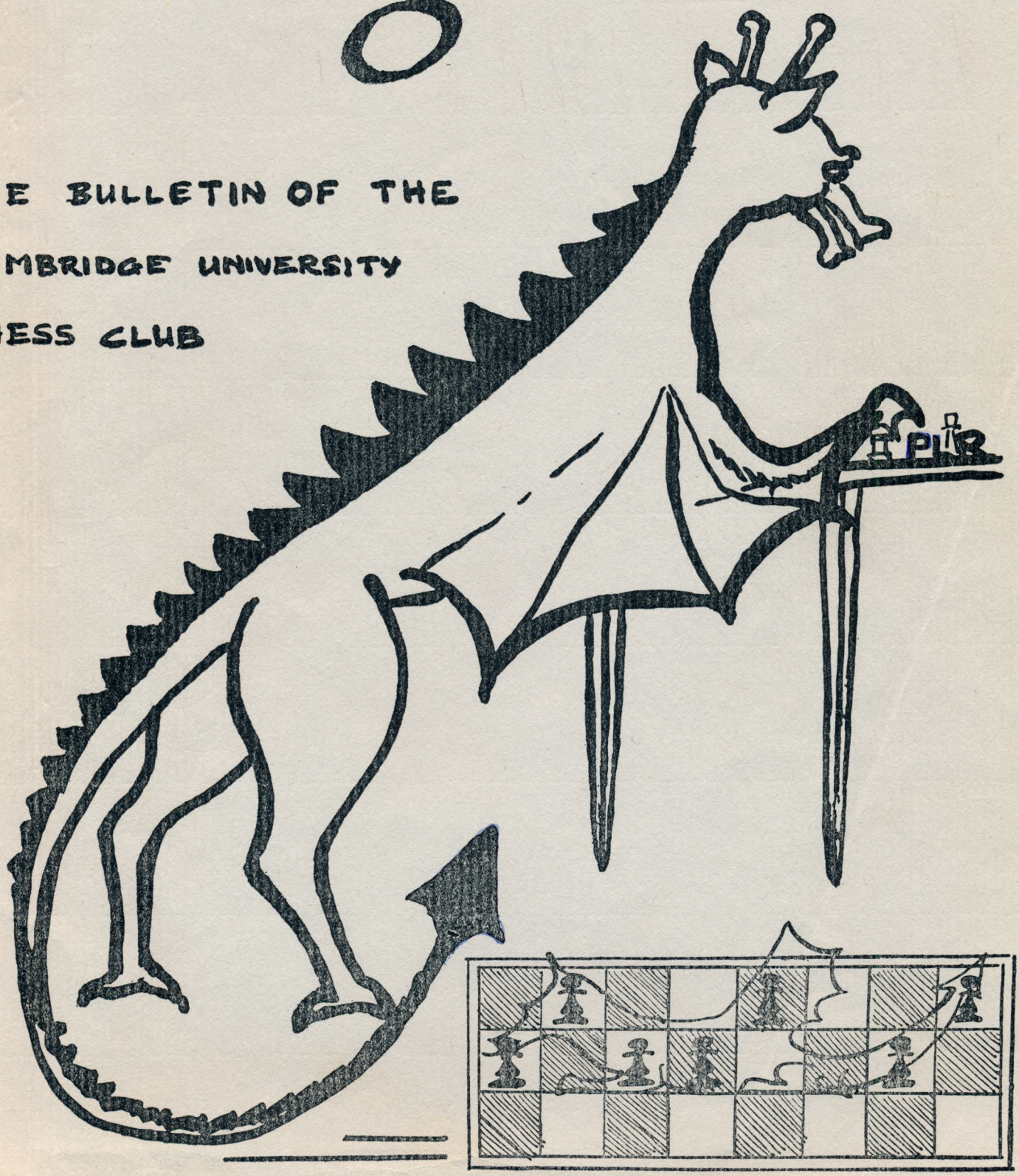

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Editorial

As John Cooper remarks below, this year sees a considerable t urnover in the membership of the Club. The departing players leave behind them a considerable cumulative record of success - to take only one statistic, the total score over the last 5 years against Oxford is now 23-12. Nevertheless, the inerest shown over the past year has not been what it was, and in marked contrast to previous years the team notably failed to rise to the challenge of the Counties' Final. With a considerable influx of strong new blood (including yet another seventh of the British Champion) I hope this situation can be remedied.

On a related subject, I would like to point out that this is your magazine: the more mate rial I receive for the next issue the bigger and better it can be. Please send contributions to me(at Trinity College) for the next issue, which should appear early in next term.

Finally I should like to thank all those who have helped in the production of this issue, in particular last year's editor Howard Williams, who collected and even typed a considerable amount of the material.

Alan Trangmar.

Presidential Message

I should like to extend a warm elcome to all members of C.U. Chess Club old and new. This year has seen the departure of quite a number of long serving players. Mainly as a result of this the new season's committee contains many new faces and it is to be hoped that their entusiasm for the club matches that of their predecessors.

This year the existence of 2 Nat. Club teams and 2 county teams gives us the chance of 1st & 2nd in both events - such a result being the only way of surpassing previous records.

John Cooper.

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The post of Tournament Secretary is at present vacant, but should be filled shortly. In the meantime all enquires should be addressed to the President.

There is a cup for the best game played in the past year by a player who is neither a half-blue nor a Dragon. All entries to John Cooper by the end of November.

In the Counties Championship, Cambridgeshire once again failed to win the title after only narrowly qualifying for the final stages. After reaching the final for the fifth year in succession we lost to Yorkshire by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ - a defeat which cannot be wholly explained by the staging of the event during the summer vacationand the corresponding shortage of Cambridge University players.

The National Club team remedied this carelessness by decisively winning the trophy for the nth year in succession, beating Brighton Chess Club in the final by 5 - 1.

	Cambridge Univ.		Brighton.
Bd. 1	R.D.Keene (white)	1 - 0	B.J.Denman
Bd. 2	M.Stean	1 - 0	G.H.James
Bd. 3	A.Williams	1 - 0	J.I P.Simpole
Bd. 4	R.Eales	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	T.C.Henshaw
Bd. 5	N.Holloway	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	J.A.Hardinge
Bd. 6	A.Trangmar	1 - 0	G.J.Nicholas
		5 - 1	

At the risk of being repetitious, let me once more exhort the troops to win both events this year ; something which would already have been achieved had the players who won game after game in the National Club Tournament had as much "luck" intheir County Championship final games.

In the British Open Lighting Championship the Cambridge Univ. team did remarkably well considering that our top six players were unable to participate. The "second" team were well in contention for first prize at the beginning of the last round but lost to Brighton by 3 - 1.

Finally let me welcome the introduction to the S.C.C.U. league of a Cambridgeshire 2nd. team, a move which can only help to strengthen chess in Cambridgeshire.

J.G.Cooper.

From one of our victories:

White: A.G.Trangmar (Cambs.) Black: G.E.Wolfarth (a Cambridge renegade)

1 c4 g6 2 g3 Bg7 3 Bg2 c5 4 Nc3 Nc6 5 d3 d6 6 Nf3 e5 7 0-0 Nge7 8 Ne1 0-0 9 Nc2 Be6 10 Ne3 Qd7 11 Ned5 B:d5 12 N:d5 N:d5 13 B:d5 Ne7 14 Bg2 Rb8 15 a4 f5 16 Bd2 f4 17 Rb1 Nf5 18 Bd5+ Kh8 19 Kg2 Nd4 20 Bc3 Nc6 21 b4 Ng5 22 b:c d:c 23 Rb5 Qh3+ 24 Kg1 b6 25 a5 Rbd8 26 Bg2 Qe6 27 a:b a:b 28 Qb1 Nh3+? 29 B:h3 Q:h3 30 R:b6 Rf5 31 Rb8 Rdf8 32 R:f8+ B:f8 33 Qb7 f3 34 e:f Rh5 35 Ra1 Q:h2+ 36 Kf1 Rf5 37 Ra8 Qh6 38 Kg2 Rh5 39 Qf7 Rh2+ 40 Kf1 Qc1+ 41 Be1 Black Resigns.

THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHESS ASSOCIATION TEAM TOURNAMENT

Birmingham University, March 26 - 29.

by A.C.Cooper.

Our many thanks must go to the numerous players who extricated themselves from remote habitats to represent us in this event, and to myself for organising them. However, the dangerous expedient was adopted of putting these players into three teams in descending order of strength, making Cambridge II a good rival to team I while the third team was definitiely weak, instead of having two equal strength teams in II and III. A rare, if not unique, combination of NJH and RJP overpowered my plans.

Therefore, Cambridge I and II easily won their respective preliminary sections with 13 and 12 out of 14, while Cambridge III scored only five in the other prelim. section, abetted by three defaults, and thus disappeared into the bottom final section. This they then won impressively with 23½/28, thereby removing any last claim by Oxford to be a chess-playing University. Other rabbit teams such as Bradford also suffered at the hands of this reknowned band..

Menawhile, Southampton I won the middle section (all sections were of six teams each) amidst some epic blunders. All attention was however focused on the top section, Cambridge I &II, London I & II, Leeds and Sheffield. In the first round both our teams scored 6/7, and with the field at 3½ an internecine struggle for the trophy seemed certain, and so it still seemed after:

Rd.2 Cam I 11½/14, Cam II 9½/14, London 1 8/14

Rd.3 Cam. I 15½/21, Cam. II 14½/21, London I 12½/21 (the rest were always nowhere).

This tendency was perpetuated by the ability of the second team players to draw with the first team depites some fine attempts by the latter to win (RGE? RLJ) and to lose (ACC). Some alarming features of the teams' play had manifested themselves, notably the President's fine drawing technique, doubtless learnt from watching Alan Trangmar, and D.W.Murphy's penchant for dramatic losses.

A determined effort by London I in the last round to win within or outside the rules suddenly exposed the depth of these premonitions. They scored 7/7 while Cambridge I grabbed just enough to stay clear of this challenge; NJH and ACC were always beating their nonentities, but AGT was forced to balance his time against his position and RJP carried his drawing technique to impressive lengths (see games). Fortunately John Nicholson contributed to the second team's crack-up by beating T.Parkes, and this together with RGE's draw was just sufficient for the 4½ needed. RLJ was persuaded by the repeated cheapos and cheating of his London I opponent to contribute the first teams only loss of the entire competition.

The second team collapsed in the middle, no doubt due to the increased responsibility of being uniformly promoted a board up to no. 2 which John Saunders had vacated for the last round. APS and GEW stood firm however and together with Kevin Bichard from the 3rd team gained 3points; but the other boards were horrible to behold: Cooley convincingly left his position en prise in the opening to Hassall on London I , Murphy was crudely mated by a London II (!!) player; then Parkes fell into numerous Nicholson combinations fater trying too hard not to move any major lumps, and finally Powell beautifully cheapoed himslef.

So finally:

Cambridge I 20/28, London 19½, Cambridge II 17½ , the rest still nowhere.

Individual Scores (in the final)

1st team: N.J.Holloway 3½/4, R.G.Eales 3/4, A.G.Trahgmar 2/4 (winning the W.R.Hartston prize), R.L.Johannes 2/4, J.G.Nicholson 3½/ 4, A.C. Cooper 3½/4, R.J.Pearce 2½/4.

2nd team: A.P.Shepstone 3½/4, J.C.Saunders 1½/3, D.H.Powell 2/4, C.M. Cooley 2/4, G.E.Wolfarth 3½/4, T.Parkes 2/4, D.W.Murphy 2/4, K.Bichard 1/1.

3rd team: K.Bichard 2/3, G.P.Lawrence 2/4, M.R.Furfie 2½/4, G.Rees 3/4, A.J.Stoker 4/4, P.W.Chittock 4/4, M.Page 4/4 and one default.

Social Note: the least said about Birmingham University, Birmingham pubs, Birmingham food, Birmingham football teams etc. the better.

VARSITY MATCH REPORT (1974)

by J.G.Cooper

	CAMBRIDGE UNIV.		OXFORD UNIV.
Bd. 1	M.F.Stean	1 - 0	J.D.Nunn
Bd. 2	J.G.Cooper	0 - 1	R.W.Moberley
Bd. 3	P.Linnell	½ - ½	R.R.Smith
Bd. 4	J.Somerville	½ - ½	G.D.Pearce
Bd. 5	A.C.Cooper	1 - 0	D.Sully
Bd. 6	S.J.Taylor	½ - ½	
Bd. 7	A.N.Morris	1 - 0	
		4½ - 2½	

This year the match was held at Oxford and some initial drama was provided by the mysterious disappearance of one of the Camb. Univ. players - J.Somerville - on the night before the match. Extensive phone calls failed to trace this V.I.P., but he used his iniative and hid in Cambridge before catching the early morning coach to arrive just in time for battle, which took place in Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

The match itself was closer than the results suggest with the issue being unclear until the end of the session.

Boards 3,4,and 6 were evenly balanced games which resulted in three honourable draws. The other games were more difficult to assess.The exciting struggle on board 7 was not well understood by many Cambridge supporters, who looked very worried from the start. few hours.A.C.Cooper on board 5 quickly got a slight disadvantage with White but fought back well to equalise and eventually win a drawn rook ending.Both Moberley and Stean with the White pieces played aggressively and deserved their victories, although Cooper had achieved a drawn position on move 39 and Nunn seemed to have some chances of saving the game on adjudication before finally succumbing to a 7 page analysis by his opponent.

I should like to thank Oxford University for their hospitality in providing rooms for the players and the customary banquet and to H.Golombek for agreeing to travel down on short notice to take charge of the celebrations.

C.H.O'D.Alexander,one of the most outstanding British players of this century, was, as we should all know, a student at Cambridge. Among his many fine games can be numbered the following one,which was played in the Staunton Centenary Tournament of 1951.Alexander came 5-8 with a score of 8½/15,behind Gligoric,Pirc,Stahlberg, and Trifunovic,level with Matanovic,Rossolimo,and Unzicker,and ahead of Donner,Klein,Bogoljubow,Golombek,Broadbent,Tartakover, van Scheltinga and Wade.The notes are Alexander 's own.

White: Alexander Black: Gligoric (from Rd. 3).
1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP 4 NxP N-B3 5 N-QB3 P-Q3 6 B-KN5 (When playing against an opponent stronger than oneself I believe that the best policy is to 'mix it' as much as possible). P-K3 7 Q-Q2 B-K2 8 0-0 0-0 9 N-N3 (Stopping Q-R4 with the threat of BxN) P-QR4 (Better P-QR3) 10 P-QR4 Q-N3 11 Q-K3 (Facing Black with an awkward decision.If 11...QxQ 12 BxQ and the weaknesses on Q3 and QR4 together with the holes on QN3 and 4 will give Black a much inferior endgame.If 11..Q-B2 12 N-N5 Q-N1 and Black is very badly placed.) Q-N5 (probably best but Black is in trouble.) 12 P-B3 P-KR3 13 P-N4 (13B-N5? N-N5! The text move protects not only the bishop but,more important, the square KN5) P-N4 (Best. 13...PxB 14 PxP N-KR2 15 P-B4 gives White a winning attack, e.g. 15 ...P-K4 16 N-Q5 PxP 17 Q-B2! QxKP 18 B-Q3 or 17...QxRP 18 Q-R4 QxP 19 NxB+ NxN 20 B-Q3. Black thought for an hour and a quarter before playing this move and I thought for half an hour over my reply.) 14 PxP (14 BxN BxB 15 PxP BxN or N-K2) NxP 15 RxN (15 NxN PxN= The text is the only way to continue the attack.) PxB (15...PxR 16 NxQP BxB 17 PxB Q-Q3 18 PxP leaves White with two pawns for the exchange and a winning attack.) 16 RxNP (a necessary consequence of RxN) BxR 17 PxB R-Q1 18 N-K4 P-K4 (Again best, the tempting 18...N-Q5 is refuted by 19 N-B6+ K-B1 20 R-R8+ K-K2 21 R-K8+ RxR 22 N-Q5+ followed by NxQ.If 19 ..PxN 20 PxP and Black cannot avoid mate.) 19 B-Q3 (Combining offence and defence, I wanted to play 19 P-B3 QxN(N6) 20N-B6+ and now if 20...K-B1 21 Q-B5+ N-K2 22R-R8 mate.But alas 20 PxN! 21 PxP and now Black has one defence against White's mating threat- to give mate himself by 21 R or Q-Q8) B-B4 20 N-B6+ (20 P-B3 Q-K2! 21 Q-B2 BxN 22 Q-R4 P-B4!) PxN 21 PxP Q-B5 22 QxQ PxQ 23 BxB R-Q3 24 B-R7+ K-B1 (He should go to R1 after which he can draw,e.g. 25 R-R6 QR-Q1 26 B-Q3+ K-N1 27 N-B5 N-N5!) 25 B-K4 (Unwisely giving Black a chance to retract his error- both sides were very short of time.) K-N1 26 B-R7+ K-B1? 27 N-B5 (This move appears to win : Black's best reply is 27...RxP 28 N-Q7+ K-N2 29 NxR KxN 30 B-K4 and White should win.) R-K1 28 N-Q7+ RxN 29 B-B5 R-K8+ 30 RxR R-Q3 31 R-K4 N-Q5 32 B-B8 P-N5 33 B-R6 N-K3 34 B-B4 N-B4 35 RxP N-Q2 36 P-KN4 RxP 37 RxR NxR 38 K-Q2 N-Q2 39 K-K3 N-K4 40 B-K2 K-K2 41 K-K4 Resigns.

League & Cupper's 1973-4

Trinity once again dominated the first division, winning convincingly in spite of their leader's antics in defaulting four boards against the runners-up Fitzwilliam as a protest against the inclusion of ten teams in the division. They were especially well served by their first board Michael Stean who scored 7½/8. Fitzwilliam took second place equally convincingly (by the margin of their victory over Trinity) and won an impromptu Lightning Cupperr (in which several of the strongest teams did not compete) organised at Fitzwilliam. Chess apart, the second division was perhaps more exciting, Pembroke emerging winners after a three-cornered fight with ST.John's and Peterhouse.

League Results:

Division 1: Trinity 35; Fitzwilliam 30½; Emmanuel 26; Caius 22½; Christ's 21½; Trinity Hall 21; Jesus 20½; ST. Catherine's 18½; Churchill 16½; Downing 13.

Division 2: Pembroke 31½; ST.John's 31; Peterhouse 30; Fitzwilliam II 25; Selwyn 24½; Magdalene & Trinty II 21½; Corpus Christi 21; Emmanuel II 15½; King's 7½.

Division 3: Queen's I 36; St.John's II 32; Churchill II 27; Christ's II 25, Fitzwilliam III 25; Trinity III 24½; Clare 20½; St.Catherine's II 18½; Downing II 13; Emmanuel III 3½.

Division IV: Peterhouse II 27½; Corpus Christi II 23½; St. John's III 20½; Queen's II 18; Selwyn II 17; Pembroke II 15; Fitzwilliam IV 12; Trinty V 6½; various other teams withdrew.

As a result of the extension of the first division of the League from eight to ten teams some Cuppers matches were delayed and the procrastination of Trinity Hall and Jesus was especially unfortunate since it meant that Trinty were prevented from completing their programme before the exams. Though the Cuppers final between Trinity and Fitzwilliam was never played an unofficial match

was played on Trinity [illegible]. Fitzwilliam offered to play this over twenty boards but Trinity suggested fifteen and in fact produced eleven players. Trinity won over 5 or 11 boards, but lost over 15 or 20.

From the League:

White: A.C.Cooper(Trinity Hall) Black: J.'.Sommerville(Caius)
1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 e3 g6 4 c3 Bg7 5 Bd3 0-0 6 0-0 b6 7 Nbd2 Ba6 8 B:a6 N:a6 9 Re1 c5 10 Qa4 Nc7 11 b4!? b5 12 Qc2 c:b 13 c:b Rc8? (..Nfe8 is the only move to take real advantege of White's strange position; or alternatively ..Nd7) 14 Qd3 Rb8? 15 Nb3 Nce8 16 Nc5 Qb6 17 Nc5 Rd8 18 Bd2 (a4 at once is much stronger) Nd6 19 a4 Nc4 20 a:b N:e5 21 d:e N:e422 Ra6 Qb8 23 e6!? f:e 24 f3 N:c5 (or 24..N:d2 25 Q:d2 Q:b5 26 R:a7 winning, e.g. 26...d4 27 N:e6 d:e 28 Q:e3 (not 28 Qa2 Rd2!) Q:b4 29 N:g7! wins (not 29 Kh1 Ra8!)) 25 b:c e5 26 Ba5! e4 27 f:e Be5 28 B:d8 B:h2+ 29 Kh1 Qg3 30 Q:d5+ Kh8 ('better' Kg7 when White would have to find B:e7 Rf2 Qg5!) 31 B:e7 Resigns. (Notes by the winner)

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From B.U.C.A.:

'Crude and Obvious'

White: 'Jesus Christ Superstar
Black: P.(Calvin?) Coolidge London II Rabbit
1 e4 Nf6 (unsound!?) 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 f4 (the refutation?!) dxe5 6 fxe5 c5 7 d5 e6 8 Nc3 exd5 9 cxd5 c4 (unusual, recommended by Schwarz, and bad *) 10 Nf3 (Will those who kibitz "Why not 10 Bxc4 Nxc4 11 Qa4+?" leave the room? (...Qh4+)) Bg4 11 Be2 ("Interesting" - Eales & Williams. Both Ljubojevic and Bronstein have won with 11 Qd4!) Bb4 12 0-0 0-0 (Bxc3 13 bxc3 Nxd5 14 Bxc4 Nxc3 15 Qh3 or 13...Qxd5 14 Qxd5 Nxd5 15 Bxc4 - both advantageous for White)13 h3 Bf5? 14 Bg5 Qd7 15 Nd4 Be5 16 Kh2 Bd3 17 Bxd3 cxd3 18 Nf5 (seeking the mate) Nxdf 19 Qg4! Qe6 (or ...f6 20 exf6 Nxf6 21 Qc4+ wins) 20 Bf6 (clonk!) 1-0

* This note also applies to 6...c5.

(The edotor would like to make it clear that the nomenclature, punctuation, etc, of the above is even more than in similar situations the responsibility solely of the winner)

R.Johannes - A.Natt
Cambridge U. v. London U. (notes by the heroic victor.)
1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 d4 d6 4 c4 Nb6 5 ed (Not very forceful but perfectly sound.) 5...cd 6 Bd3 g6 7 Nc3 Bg7 8 Nge2 Nc6 9 Be3 0-0 10 a3!? (To prevent ...Nb4, but the simpler 10 0-0 is somewhat better.) 10...e5?! (The London U-21 co-champion adopts the old-fashioned, passive plan. He should try for ...d5) 11 d5 Ne7 12 f3 Bf5 13 0-0 Rc8 14 b3 a6 (Around here Black permits White to develop a strong initiative on the queenside. He should have played his B to d7 and followed up with ...f5.) 15 Rc1 Nd7 16 b4 Nb6 17 Ne4 Be4 18 fe f5 19 c5 fe (Black might have done better to withold this.) 20 Rf8+ Bf8 21 Be4 dc 22 d6 (the point of White's 19th move.) 22... Nf5 23 bc?!! (I decided to try for more than the considerable advantage to be gained simply by 23 Bf5 gf 24 bc, but had not seen Black's 26th move at this stage. But it appears that White's riposte to that is sound, and leads to a sudden conclusion with a beautiful R sacrifice. 23...Ne3 24 Qb3+ Nbc4 25 Bd5+ Kh8 26 Bc4 Qg5 (Suddenly Black becomes menacing, with mate and the c-pawn threatened.) 27 Qb7 Rc5 (White's position appears to be collapsing, but I now unleashed the move I envisaged when I played 26 Bc4.) 28 Rf1!! Nf1 (If 28...Bd6 29 Qa8+ Kg7 30 Rf7+ Kh6 31 Rh7+! Kh7 32 Qg8+ Kh6 33 Qh8++) 29 Qf7 Qe3+ 30 Kf1 1-0. (Readers are reminded that the comments on the moves, the use of the exclamation mark and the spelling in the above are those of Mr. Johannes and in no way reflect editorial opinion - Ed.)

R. Johannes - R. Marsh
Cambs. v. Bucks.
1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Bd3 (A move used by Fischer in his match against Petrosian. Black ought to equalise without much trouble, but in practice can easily get into a tangle.) 5... Nc6 (An alternative 5...Bc5 6 Nb3 Ba7 is probably less sound but offers lively counter chances.) 6 Nc6 bc 7 c4 d5 8 cd cd 9 ed Qd5?! (Black wishes to avoid the problems that Petrosian encountered with

an isolated QP after 9...ed but that course was to be preferred, since White now gainstempi in an open position. An interesting variant of this error was committed by Robin Pearce against me in the college league. The game went....- readers may apply to Mr. Johannes, Emmanuel College for further details of this thrilling encounter -Ed.) 10 Nc3 Bb4?! (An attempt to avoid moving the Queen which unfortunately allows White to seize a decisive strategic plus on the black squares.) 11 Qa4+! (White heads for the opposite bishops and the Black K - and Black's 'a' pawn - see below - Ed.) 11 Bd7 12 Qb4 Qd3 13 Bg5! (Hindering the Black N's development, eyeing the square d8 and allowing the white QR to swing into action. Now 13...Qg6 14 Qb7 Rc8 15 Rd1 and 13...Nf6 14 Rd1 Qf5 15 Bf6 Qf6 16 Rd7 are unpleasant for Black. - 16 Rd7 Qe5+! is not so clear; 16 Ne4 and if 16...Qe5 17 f4! is safer - Ed.) 13...Rc8 14 Rd1 Qc4 15 Qd6 Qc6 16 0-0! (The ending after 16...Qd6 17 Rd6 should be won because of Black's weak 'a' pawn.) 16...f6 17 Be3 Ne7 18 Qa3! (This avoids the exchange of Q's, keeps the king in the centre to protect the N, and threatens 19 Rd6) 18... Nf5 19 Rfe1 Ne3? (Hastens the end.) 20 Re3 f5 (To prevent Ne4) 21 Rd6 Qc5 22 Qa6 (Still keeping the K in the centre, tied to the B, and preparing the decisive breakthrough.) 22...Ke7 23 Rde6+! Be6 24 Qe6+ Kf8 (More interesting was 24...Kd8 25 Rd3+ Kc7 26 Nd5+ Kb7 27 Rb3+ Ka7 28 Qd7+ Ka6 29 Qa4+ Qa5 30 Rb6+ .) 25 Re5 Qc6 26 Rf5++

J. G. Nicholson - J. Kinlay British U-21

1 c4 e5 2Nc3 Nf6 3 Nf3 Nc6 4 g3 Bb4 5 Bg2 0-0 6 0-0 Re8 7 Nd5 Bc5 8 d3 Nxd5 9 cxd5 Nd4 10 Ng5! Bc7?! 11 Nxf7! Kxf7 12 e3 Nb5 13 Qh5+ Kg8 14 Be4 h6!? (14...g6 gives black better drawing chances)15 Qg6 Nd6 (One drawback of having the knight on b5 was that if Black plays..d6 White plays c4 , so Black brings the knight back to defend the K-side) 16 Qh7+ Kf8 17 Bg6 Nf7 18 e4 d6 19 f4 Bf6 (Black seems to be hanging on but now White dismantles the defences elegantly) 20 fxe5 Rxe5 (alternatives lose in a similar way) 21 Bxf7 Kxf7 22 Bxh6 (Threatening Qxg7+ while if 22...Qg8 23 Rxf6+ wins the Queen) Qf8 23 Rxf6+! Kxf6 24 Rf1+ Bf5 25 Rxf5+ Rxf5 26 Qxf5+ Ke7 27 Bg5+ Ke8 28 Qe6+ Resigns.

A THEORETICAL INNOVATION by Alan Trangmar

Most chess players are familiar with the theory of English v. Grunfeld positions, and in particular with the following game which has for some years been held to refute one of black's more plausible options.

A.G.Trangmar-P.B.COOK, B.C.Q.C. 1968-9.

1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 c:d N:d5 4 g3 g6 5 Bg2 N:c3 b:c Bg7 7 Nf3 0-0 8 Qb3 c6 9 0-0 Qc7 10 Ba3 Re8 11 Ng5 e5 12 Bd6 Qd8 13 Q:f7+ Kh8 14 Be4 Rg8 15 Qf4 h6 16 Nf7+ Kh7 17 B:e5 and black resigned at move 20 when faced with an ending 2 pawns down.

Thus considerable interest was aroused when it became known the same two players would meet in the Major Open at Clacton (1974). What improvement would Cook find? Spectators watched with bated breath as he quickly played down the familiar line, and then innovated with 14...Bd7! The game concluded 15 N:h7 K:h7 16 Q:g6+ Kg8 17 f4 e:f 18 Qh7+ Kf7 19 R:f4+ Ke6 20 Bc5 Qg5! (The point of black's play; but unfortunately white has a subtle resource) 21 Qh3+ Ke5 22 d4 mate.

Is it all over for black in this variation? Must he abandon 11...e5?? Mr. Cook is not optimistic; as he said after the game, "I must try to remember not to do that again."

THE HAMMERSMITH OPEN, 1974

1-2. M.F.Stean, R.D.Keene 6½/7

3-7. T.Parkes, P.Ashby, S.Gottschalk, M.V.Lambshire, R.Sams 6/7.

8-200. Basman, Speelman, Halfman, etc. 5½ or less.

From round 7:

T.Parkes (a Cambridge man) v. N.Povah (leader of the E.U.C.A. peasant's revolt last year)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed5 5 cd5 d6 6 e4 g6 7 f4 Bg7 8 Bb5+ Nfd7 9 Bd3 0-0 10 Nf3 Re8 11 0-0 Nf6 12 Qc2 Na6 13 a3 Rb8 14 e5 (Tally ho, chaps) de5 15 fe5 Nxd5 16 Nxd5 Qxd5 17 Bc4 Qd7 18 Be3 b5 19 Rad1 Qc7 20 Bd5 Be6 21 Ng5 Qxe5 (munch munch) 22 Bf4 Qxb2 (burp) 23 Qe4 Rb6 24 Nxf7 (Geronimo!) Re7 25 Ng5 Qf6 26 Bxe6+ Rbxe6 27 Rd8+ (ouch) Bf8 28 Nxe6 Rxe6 29 Bxh6 (game, set and match) Black Resig...

(The following article was posted through the Editor's letter box at dead of night. The dull thu it made on the doormat was quickly followed by the sound of running footsteps. . .)

Conspiracy in Chess Tournament

The unprecedented seven-way tie for first place in the recent British Championship at Clacton has provoked much comment, much of it directed at the Swiss System from which this farcical situation arose. It has even been suggested that this fine democratic British Institution be replaced by an all-play-all tournament of the kind used by foreigners. But before the British Championship goes the same way as British coinage, British weights and measures and British beer, let us pause to examine this freak result more closely. Was it really so unpremeditated?

To the facts:

The scores after round 10 were as follows:

Mestel 7; Hartston, Stean and S.Webb 6½; Bellin, Botterill, Haygarth, Holloway, Law, Munn, Speelman and Williams 6; etc.

The draw for round 11:

Haygarth-Mestel, Stean-Hartston, Webb-Williams, Bellin-Munn, Botterill-Speelman and Holloway-Law.

Let us examine the way the games went. Stean and Hartston d drew in 18 moves at a time when Mestel stood no worse and Webb was better. Hardly, it would seem, a rational decision; or was it? Meanwhile, Mestel began to get the better of his game with Haygarth and Webb remained on top against Williams. But then at the end of the session, Mestel suddenly allowed Haygarth to seize his chance which he took with uncharacteristic determination. Moreover, Webb had forced Williams to make a winning exchange sacrifice. To the observer this must have been most unexpected since Webb is noted for his steadiness in good positions, and Williams has played the winner of the British Championship in the last round for the pst four years and always given his opponent all that he wanted. Why did Webb fail to cash in on this occasion? More strangely

still Munn lost on time against Bellin in a drawn position thus ensuring, in the only possible way, that another joined the throng. Finally Botterill beat Speelman in a suspiciously weird game. It is also indicative that the result which prevented an eight-way tie was the draw between Holloway, a well-known devotee of the Swiss System, and the appropriately named Law.

Whether the British Championship becomes an all-play-all tournament or not, a 6-round A-P-A play-off will certainly have to be organised. Are we than confronted by a clique of strong players who seek to undermine the expressed wish of the British player (as ascertained by C.G.Hilton's questionnaire of 1970) for a truly democratic championship? The reader is left to draw his own conclusions.

In view of the above the following games should be treated with deep suspicion:

Webb-Hartston
1 Nf3 Nf6 2 d4 c5 3 c4 c:d 4 N:d4 b6 5 Nc3 Bb7 6 f3 d6 7 e4 e6 8 Be2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 Be3 Nbd7 11 Qd2 a6 12 Rfd1 Qc7 13 Rac1 Rac8 14 Bf1 Qb8 15 Qf2 Rfe8 16 Kh1 Bf8 17 Nc2 Nc5 (Who would believe that this move inaugurates an overwhelming K-side attack?) 18 B:b6 N:c4 19 B:c4 R:c4 20 Ne3 Rc6 21 Ba5 d5 22 e:d e:d 23 Nf5 d4 24 N:d4 Rc5 25 Bb6 Rh5 26 h3 Ng4 27 f:g R:h3+ 28 Kg1 Qh2+ 29 Kf1 Rg3 30 Rc2 R:g4 31 Qg1 Qh3 32 Nf5 Qf6 33 Rf2 Q:b6 34 Qh2 a5 35 Qh3 Rg6 36 Nd5 Qb5+ 37 Kg1 B:d5 38 Resigns.

Williams-Lennox
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3d5 e6 4 Nc3 d 5 cd d6 6 e4 g6 7 f4 Bg7 8 Bb5+ Nfd7 9 Bd3 0-0 10 Nf3 Na6 110-0 Rb8 12 Be3 Nf6 13 a4 Nb4 14 Kh1 a6 15 Bb1 Re8 16 e5 dc 17Bxc5 Nfxd5 18 Nxd5 Nxd5 19 fxe5 Be6 20 Qd2 Rc8 21Bd6 Qb6 22Ra3 (Watch the suspicious movements of this piece carefully.)Nc7 23 Nc3 Nd5 24 Rd3 Nc7 25 Rd4 a5 26 Ng5 Bb3 27 Rh4 Bxe5 28 Bxe5 Rxe5 29 Ne4 Rce8 30 Qb6 Qa6 31 Qxh7+ Kf8 32 Qh8+ Resigns.

Nestel-Lightfoot
1 e4 c5 2Nf3 Nc6 3 Nc3 d6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Nf6 6 Be3 e5 7Ndb5 a6 8 Na3 Be6 9 Nc4 d5 10 ed Nd5 11 Nxd5 Qxd5 12 Qxd5 Bxd5 13 0-0-0 R48 14 Bb6 Rd7 15 Be2 g6 16 f3 Bh6+ 17 Kb1 Bg7 18 Bc5 Nd4 19 Nb6 Rd8 20 Rhe1 Be6 21 Bc4 Bxc4 22 Nxc4 Nf5 23 g4 Rxd1+ 24 Rxd1 b5 25 Nd2 Nd4 26 Ne4 Ne6 27 Ba3 f5 28 Nd6+ Ke7 29 Nxf Kf6 30 Nd6 h5 31 Ne4+ Kf7 32 Rd7+ Kg8 33 g5 a5 34 Be7 Nf8 35 RB7 1-0

Botterill-Stean
1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4cb a6 5 ba Ba6 6 Nc3 d6 7 g3 g6 8 Bg2 Bg7 9 Nf3 0-0 10 0-0 Nbd7 11 h3 Nb6 12 Re1 Nfd7 13 Qc2

Qc7 14 Rb1 Bc4 15 a3 Bxd5 16 Nxd5 Nxd5 17 Nh2 e6 18 Rd1 N/7b6 19 e4 Ne7 20 e5 d5 21 Ng4 Nd7 22 Bf4 Qb6 23 Bg5 Nf5 24 Nf6+ Bf6 25 ef h6 26 Bc1 Nxf6 27 b4 c4 28 Qc3 Kg7 29 g4 Nd6 30 Bb2 Ne8 31 h4 Kh7 32 g5 Nh5 33 Rd4 Nd6 34 Bf3 Nb5 35 Qd2 Ng7 36 Rf4 Nf5 37 h5 hg 38 Rxf5 gf 39 Kh1 c3

White lost on time.

Hempson-Holloway

1 c4 g6 2Nc3 c5 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 Nc6 5Nf3 e6 6 e4 Nge7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Ne1 d6 9 d3 Rb8 10 Be3 Nd4 11 Nc2 Bd7 12 Rb1 b5 13 Bxd4 cxd4 14 Nxb5 Bxb5 15 cxb5 Rxb5 16 b4 d5 17 a4 Rb7 18 b5 dxe4 19 Bxe4 Rc7 20 Nb4 Rc3 21 Rb3 Qa5 22 Na2 Qxa4 23 Nxc3 dxc3 24 Qc2 Qa5 25 Rfb1 Bd4 26 Rb4 Qb6 27 Ra1 e5 28 Ra2 Qc5 29 Rb1 Kg7 30 Qb3 f5 31 Bg2 f4 32 Qc4 fg 33 Qxc5 gf+ 34 Kf1 Bxc5 35 Be4 Bd4 36 Rb3 Rf4 37 Rba3 Kh6 38 Rxa7 Rg4 39 Bg2 Nf5 40 R/7a4 c2 41 Ra1 Ne3+ 42 Kxf2 Rxg2+ 43 Kf3 Rd2 0-1

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CLACTON _ A WORM,S EYE VIEW

In addition to the momentous event recorded above there were also numerous other tournaments at Clacton , in some of which Cambridge players participated.

The most succ essful was John Nicholson, who should be congratulated on winning the BRITISH U 21 CHAMPIONSHIP, the second such champion in successive years from Cambridge. It is to hoped that he does not follow the example of the previous holder and give up chess. Also in this event was D.R.Johnston, one of this year's freshmen,who came second equal. It was in this event that a certain player was allegedly observed by his opponent to be standing by the bookstall, holding in his hand an openings book, with the pages turned to display the very position which hae arisen in the game • IN any event when the result of the round was published, that game was awarded a 'loss by default' for the offending competitor.

The somewhat older C ambridge and ex-Cambridge contingent in the MAJOR OPEN was less successful, perhaps through taking too seriously the words of the programme that 'This event caters for thse who just want a chess playing holiday'. Meanwhile L.de Veauce was not taken in by this evident lie and obtained an altogether excessive score.

The Second Jersey International Chess Congress. 5th - 12th May

by Richard Eales

Jersey is a small island situated geographically near to France and spiritually near to Bournemouth just before the war. The main feature of its recent history was the German occupation between 1940 and 1945, hence the presence of lurid volumes with titles like 'Jersey under the Jackboot' in local bookshops. The population consists almost entirely of tourists, tax avoidance experts and cows. In this little paradise, flowing with milk and money, a number of chess players gathered, drawn by the guiding star of Slater-Walker (Jersey) Ltd. who were underwriting the whole enterprise, for reasons soon to become clear (see below).

The tournament entries were recruited mainly from Britain and the Channel Islands themselves, with the addition of a few French, Germans, Dutch, Belgians, and one Israeli. The only striking name on the list was a local lady called Mrs. von Pantzev. I wondered idly how she had fared under the jackboot, without reaching any conclusion. The chessplayers included Tony Miles, Jonathan Mestel (soon to join the ranks of the Trinity mathematicians), Danny Wright and T.D.Harding (the well-known compiler of errata lists).

It being really the middle of the term Miles should have been studying something or other at S.....d University, but, no doubt in protest at the tardiness of the government in increasing student grants, had decided to make some money instead. In the event he won with some ease, winning his first six games and agreeing a draw with Wright in the last round. Mestel won six games and lost to Miles, coming equal second with the Israeli international N. Birnboim, who arrived fresh from depriving Alan Trangmar of yet another victory at Folkestone (see last Dragon). I made the mistake of agreeing a draw with Harding early on, and having reached 4½/5, lost to Miles in round 6. However, a smooth polished swindle in the last round brought me to fourth place and a reasonable remuneration for my efforts.

The last round was distinguished by one curious incident

when two Frenchmen, who apparently objected to being paired against one another, produced the game 1 f3 e5 2 g4 Qh4++. If history is anything to go by, the French usually do this sort of thing when paired against Germans, but there's no accounting for foreigners. The following lost ending will delight all connoisseurs of the form. I should like to dedicate it to N.J.Holloway.

Eales - Kerkemeester (Round 7)

White: Kg1, Ra1, Rh4, Bh6, Pawns a3, b3, c4, f2, g4, h2.
Black: Kg7, Ra8, Rf8, Bb6, Bd7, Pawns a5, b7, c7, d6, f6.
28...Kf7? 29 Bf8 Rf8 30 Rh7+ Ke8 31 h3 Kd8 32 b4 ab?? 33 ab Dd4 34 Ra8+ Bc8 35 Kg2 Bc3 36 . b5 Be5 37 h4 f5 38 g5 Rh8 39 Rh8 Bh8 40 h5 Bg7 41 h6 Bf8 42 Kg3! c6 43 b6 Black resigns.

Alekhine once remarked of a similar ending: '1es deux fous gagnent toujours, mais trois...?' It will be observed that in this case the third fool has succeeded in completely imm.. obilising the first two.

By this stage there only remained the prize giving ceremony, which was dignified by the presence of a gentleman who was introduced with more veracity than tact as the 'figurehead' of the local Slater-Walker company. He came in lieu of Slater himself, whose appearance, we gathered, would have ranked with the second coming. He came, however, armed with the sayings of the master. According to Slater, it seems, chess is a wonderful game because it can be played by:

1) The young and the old.
2) The west and the east.
3) The blind.

These seem excellent criteria by which to distinguish chess from sex, share dealing and darts (respectively).

Now for some of the real stuff.

Eales - Birnboim (Round 5)

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be2 Nbd7 6 f4 0-0 (After 5... Nbd7 the 4 pawns attack is not easy to meet. Perhaps Black should grit his teeth and try to neutralise White's pressure in the ending after 6...e5 7 fe de 8 de Ne5 9 Qd8+ Kd8 10 Bg5.) 7 Nf3 c6 8 e5 (Black

is now threatening ...e5 in earnest) 8...Ne8 9 0-0 a6(?) (I felt at the time that such a plan must give White too much scope. I expected 9...c5, intending 10 Be3 cd 11 Bd4 de 12 fe with powerful play (Ne4, Bc3, Qe1, Rd1 etc.) 10 dc is also possible.) 10 Qe1 b5 11 Qh4 f6 12 Be3 (Captures on e5 always run into Ng5. Black's position is not easy to break down, but he can make progress only on the queenside, and is always vulnerable to sudden line-opening, with the pawn on e7 cutting his communications.) 12...Nb6 13 ab(?) I judged 13 b3 bc 14 bc Be6 15 Nd2 to be too passive, but had I seen 15 d5! cd 16 Nd4 I might have changed my mind. The move played is more double-edged.) 13...ab 14 g4! (Meditating both f5 and Rf3-h3, with attacking chances which 14...b4 15 Ne4 Nd5 16 Bd2 does nothing to meet. Against quieter play Black strengthens his control over d5.) 14...Nc7 15 f5! gf 16 Bd3 fe? (Fatal; 16...de is critical; after 17 Rf5 Bf5 18 gf N(either)d5 19 Rae1 White has excellent attacking chances for the pawn. 16...Ncd5 17 ef exposes Black to attack without compensation.) 17 gf! Bf5 18 Bf5 Rf5 19 Ng5 Rg5 (After 19...Rf1+ 20 Rf1 h6 21 Nf7 the black king suffers from severe loneliness.) 20 Bg5 ed (Or 20...Ncd5 21 de Be5 22 Rf3) 21 Be7 Qe8 22 Ne4 Ncd5 23 Nf6+! (Black has two pawns for the exchange, but provided the queens stay on the board, he must be mated.) 23...Nf6 24 Bf6 Bf6 25 Rf6 Nd5 26 Rf3 Qe5 (To meet 27 Re1 with Ne3) 27 Raf1 Ne3 28 Rg3+ Kh8 29 Rf7 h5 30 Rf6 (I intended 30 Re7 but suddenly saw a potential flaw.) 30...Kh7 31 Rf7+ Kh8 32 Re7 Rf8 (By this stage I was prepared.) 33 Rge3! Qc5 34 Re8 Black resigns.

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A SMOOTH GAME FROM B.U.C.A.

N.J.Holloway - C.R.Chandler 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 0-0 Bg7 5 c4 0-0 6 d4 cd 7 Nd4 Nc6 8 Nc3 Nd4 9 Qd4 d6 10 Qd3 Be5 11 e4 Be6 12 Bd2 Nd7 13 b3 f5?8! 14 Rac1 Ne5 15 Qe2 fe 16 Ne4 Bg4 17 f3 Bf5 18 Bc3 Rac8 19 f4 Ng4 20 Bg7 Kg7 21 Qb2+ Kg8 22 Qd4! Qa5 23 ~~Rf~~ g5 Rce8 24 Qd5+ Qd5 25 Bd5+ e6 26 Bb7 Re7 27 Bf3 Ne3 28 Rfe1 Nc2 29 Red1 Rd8 30 g4! Ne3 31 gf Nd1 32 f6 1:0 A good illustration of Black's difficulties in this line if he attempts to break with ..f5 ; the square e6 can become a serious weakness.

The biannual Olympiad was fought out at Nice, last June, where the C.U.C.C. provided the backbone of the English and Welsh armies. (Bill Hartston , Ray Keene and myself carried the English banner, while Howard Williams and John Cooper were the arsonists primarily responsible for the fire in the Welsh dragon.) Our lads emerged from the battlefields with an impressive string of successes. No less than six enemy grandmasters were knocked out (viz. Browne, Jansa, Najdorf, Portisch, Velimirovic, Yanofsky) Ray Keene achieved a grandmaster norm, and I an International Master norm. These norms were greatly assisted by sterling efforts from Bill Hartston, who played a large number of consecutive games, thereby holding the front line while others were given the time to rest. Moreover the remarkable success attained by the Welsh team in reaching the A-final for the first time in there hittory (thereby proving that our Celtic brethen have a talent for something other than decapitating English road signs was almost entirely due to the fine play of Howard Williams and John Cooper.

GAMES FROM THE EVENT

J.G.Cooper (The Welsh Spassky) _ Adamski

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Bg5 h6 5Bh4 c5 6 d5 0-0 7 e3 b5 8 de6 fe6 9 cb5 d5 10 Bd3 d4 11 ed4 cd4 12 a3 Ba5 13 b4 dc3 14 ba5 15 Bb7 15 Ne2 Bg2 16 Rg1 Bf3 17 Bc2 Nbd7 18 Qd6 Be2 19 Ke2 Qa5 20 a4 Qb6?? 21 Rg7 Kg7 22 Rg1? Kf7 23 Bg6 Kg8 24 Bf5 Kf7 25 Bg6 Kg8 26 Qe7 Kh8 27 Bc2 Nh5 28 Qh7 mate 1:0

M.F.Stean - Browne.(Winner of Brilliancy Prize)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 Nbd7 7 Bc4 e6 8 0-o h6 9 Bf6 Nf6 10 Bb3 b6 11 f4 Bb7 12 Qd3 Be7 13 Ne6 fe6 14Be6 b5 15 e5 Qb6 16 Kh1 de5 17 Qg6 Kd8 18 Qf7 Qc5 19 fe6 Bg2 20 Kg2 Rf8 21 Rad1 Kc7 22 Qg7 Rg8 23 ef6 Rg7 24 fg7 Bd6 25 Rf7 Kc6 26Bd5 Kb6 27 Ba8 Qg5 28 Kh1 Be5 29 b4(intending 29 Nd5 mate) a5 30 Rb7 Kc6 31 g8Q Qg8 32 Rb8 1:0

W.R.Hartston - Karpov (The only game that Karpov nearly lost)

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd4 4 Nd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Be2 Qc7 7 0-0 Nf6 8 Kh1 Be7 9 f4 d6 10 Be3 0-0 11 Qe1 Bd7 12 Qg3 b5 13 a3

Rb8 14 e5! Ne8 15 Bd3 b4 16 Ne4 ba3 17 ba3 g6? 18 Nf3 ± Nc5 19 Bd4 Bb5 20 cd6 Nd6 21 Nf6 Bf6 22 Bf6 Bd3 23 cd3 Rb5 24 Rae1 Rf5 25 Be5 Nc6 26 Ba1 Rd8 27 Rc1 Qb7 28 Qh4 f6 29 Bf6? (29 Rc6! Qc6 30 Nd4 Qd5 31 Nf5 Qf5 32 Qf6 Qf6 33 Bf6 +-) Rf8 30 Be5 Nb5 31 a4 Ne5 32 fe5 Nc7 33 Qe7 R8f7 34 Qd6 Kg7 35 Qc6 Qb3 36 Rfd1 Qb2 37 Qc2 Qb4 38 Qc4 Qb2 39 Qc2 Qb4 40 Qc4 Qb2 ½-½

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HULL OPEN

We would have liked to round off this issue with Nigel Holloway's own story of his exploits at Hull,- the most recent achievement of Cambridge arms. Unfortunately the failure of his transport mechanism has left him becalmed in Brighton and unable to deliver his report. Nevertheless, using eyewitnesses we have been able to reconstruct the following account.

In general everything went well for the Cambridge contingent in the early rounds, except that many of them had curious difficulty in digesting a certain species of fruit that was wandering through the tournament, and were indeed eaten by it instead. These troubles did not afflict Supernigel, who was this on 3/3 when the following vital game occurred.

White: B.Eley Black: N.J.Holloway

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg5 Be7 5 e5 Nd7 6 Bxe7 Qxe7 7 f4 0-0 8 Qd2 c5 9 Nf3 Nc6 10 Nb5 f6 11 c3 fxe 12 fxe cxd 13 cxd a6? 14 Nd6 (a) Rxf3 15 gxf Qh4+ 16 Kd1 Nxd4 17 Rc1 (b) Nxe5 18 Rxc8+ Rxc8 19 Nxc8 Ndxf3 20 Qe2 d4 21 Nb6 Qg4 22 h3 Qf5 23 Qc2 d3 24 Qc8+ Kf7 25 Nd7 Ke7 26 Nxe5 Nxe5 27 Qxb7+ Ke8 28 Qa8+ Ke7 29 Qa7+ Ke8 30 Qa8+ Ke7 31 Qa7+ Ke8 32 Qc3? Nc4 33 Qd4*Qf3+ 34 Kc1 d2+ 35 Kc2 d1=Q+ 36 Resigns.

(a) At this point Black realized he was constrained to sac the exchange.

(b) At this point Black realized his exchange sac was turning into a rook sac.

* If 33 Qg3 Qh5+ 34 Qg4 Ne3+; this is what white had overlooked.

After this game the final round of course presented no difficulty, the final scores being:

1. N.J.Holloway 5/5

2-6. J.W.Atkinson, S.Berry, B.Eley, A.G.Trangmar, R.H.Watson 4 etc.

The following is a list of forthcoming events :-

1) President's simultaneous display vs. Freshmen on Sat. 12th October at 2.30 p.m. at the Graduate Centre, Mill Lane. (Non-members welcome)
2) University Lightning Tournament on Sat.26th October at 2.30 p.m. at the Diamond Room, Selwyn College.
3) The Chess Club meets every Friday night a t 7.30 p.m. in the Junior Parlour, Trinity, starting 25th October. The first couple of meetings are open to non-members.
4) The Club Tournament will be run as usual as a 7-round 'Swiss system' over the next two terms. Players arrange the exact time and place of each game to suit themselves, within a period set by the Tournament Secretary. Please send all entries (with 25p entry fee (refundable if all 7 games are played) to Andrew Cooper (Trinity Hall) by October 25th. There is a £2 prize for the winner of this Tournament.
5) Also the University Championship will occur in the week preceding the Lent Term. Details will be circulated to members later.

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Members should note the following additions and alterations to the list of officers given in 'Dragon' and on the Fixtures Card:

Tournament Secretary . . . . . .Andrew Cooper (Trinity Hall)
Social Secretary . . . . . .Michael Stean (Trinity)
Grading Officer . . . . . .John Saunders (Selwyn)

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Players should note that this year home matches will as a rule be in the University Centre (alias "Graduate Centre"), Mill Lane.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB

We hope that this sheet, which is by way of being a supplement to "Dragon" will also give prospective members some idea of the multifarous benefits which will be showered on their heads when they join the club. Overleaf are details of some of the term's events, below we give a report on an important match which somehow evaded the main body of the magazine.

Tel-Aviv University in Cambridge

by Andrew Cooper

Cambridge University hosted an Isreali team who chose to conglomerate under thsi title. We had reckoned on playing a side closely resembling their Student Olympiad team (i.e. very weak), but in fact they dug out several stronger players - notably the International Master Kagan - to fill their top boards.

To meet them in their first match a motley British Universities' team was assembled, varying from a wizened young Candidate Master, with Sinclair and Swansin from the Scottish Student Student Olympiad team down to Hassall of London University. Despite some sturdy efforts by Cambridge and ex-Cambridge players in the team, Tel-Aviv emerged triumphant by 5-6 in the eight-board match, or 6-3 in a nine, A.C.Cooper being coopted to play their captain.

The following day Cambridge University's own team, led by its Celtic fringe, played the Israelis over eight boards, and some surprisingly good play was seen fro our team considering the chessic cobwebs collected in their summer retreats. The catastrophe awaiting Tel-Aviv was diplomatically averted by our top boards: Howard Williams on one kept losing enthusiasm for his fine winning attack at vital moments and finally shook hands in gentlemanly manner so as to avoid a time scramble, while Mestel on two instead lost in his time trouble. Nigel Holloway also emulated these two by missing some clear wins, so settled for the half point. Fortunately our lower boards were less generous, though Ronald Johannes thought it better to display his patriotism on the previous day rather than his Cambridge allegiance (if any).

Played on board 8 of the Cambridge-Tel Aviv match:
S.Bronstein-A.C.Cooper. 1 b4 e5 2 Bb2 B:b4 3 B:e5 Nf6 4 c4 0-0 5 e3 Re8 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Bb2 d5 8 c:d N:d5 9 Be2 Bf5 10 0-0 Qe7 11 a3 B Ba5 12 d4 N:e3!? (rumour has it that our hero had not accurately counted the number of pieces which would be under his command after this move, but it is nontheless a fine sacrifice) 13 f:e Q:e3ch 14 Rf2 Bg4 15 Qd3 Rad8 16 Q:e3 R:e3 17 Bc1 Re7 18 Nbd2 N:d4 19 N:d4 R:d4 20 B:g4 R:g4 21 Kf1 Bb6 22 Rf3 Rd4 23 Ra2 g6 24 Rc2 Rd6 25 g3 c6 26 Rf4 f5 27 Nc4 Rd8ch 28 Kg2 Bc7 29 Rf2 Rd3 30 Bb2? b5! 31 Nd2 Bb6 32 Rf3 Re2ch 33 Kh3 Rd:d2 34 R:d2 R:d2 35 Bc1 Rc2 White Resigns.